

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas is a long-time resident and graduate of the University of Maine school of forestry volunteered to serve as town Tree Warden in 2016 in the wake of several storms that felled trees and created power outages for our residents, and,

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas re-established procedures for conducting the responsibilities of the Tree Warden office; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas worked closely with Eversource, United Illuminating and local and state public works departments in assessing and mitigating power outages and road closure risks from downed trees; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas addressed the emerald ash borer infestation that has been killing ash trees and systematically worked with utility companies and the public works departments in removing these trees as they died and became a risks along municipal and state roads in town; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas became a licensed arborist; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas provided a systematic plan for replacement of municipal trees; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas addressed longstanding concerns related to the Norfield Road four-stemmed oak; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas worked with Karin Giannitti and Weston Public Works in getting the Town/Norfield cemetery cleared of overgrowth; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas was named the 2018 recipient of the Millie Best Environmental Award by the Kiwanis Club of Weston; and

**Whereas**, Bill Lomas has always provided excellent customer service to his fellow Weston residents.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Chris Spaulding, First Selectman of the Town of Weston, Connecticut do hereby proclaim July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 as

### Bill Lomas Appreciation Day

In Weston, Connecticut, and call upon our families, schools, businesses, and institutions to join me in recognizing and thanking Bill Lomas for his many contributions to our community.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of Weston, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020.

Chris Spaulding, First Selectman